

Where's the Art?



While many recognize great American artistic icons, few citizens know the artists who created them. The reason may be that about half of the nation's elementary schools have full-time art teachers. According to the National Center for Education Statistics NCES Report 2002-131, only 45% of public elementary schools (55% do not) and 64% secondary schools (36% do not) include arts in their mission statements. Educational *equity* is provided to our young by not simply giving them *access* to our schools, but by providing programs that enable them to become fully literate once they pass through the schoolhouse door.

We need better arts education policies for our children!

SUPPORT IMPROVING ART EDUCATION POLICIES

What Can You Do?

- *Lead efforts to generate public understanding of the ideas behind the importance of art education policies that lead to student learning in art.*
- *Encourage parents, school boards, legislators, press/media to support better policies for art education programs that lead to student learning in art.*
- *Implement leadership strategies to advance education policies for quality art learning.*

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